



GOLD COAST BRIDGE CLUB

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President's Message

Our club reopened with a full house on Saturday 11th July, full house meaning 11 large tables that were filled with eager members wanting to return to bridge. Playing around the large table format (four tables pushed together) has proved challenging for some. Others love the extra space and, indeed, quickly take over all of their area and that of the next table as well!! The room resembles a dance hall with chairs lining the walls and lots of space in between tables to comply with physical distancing guidelines. At first it seems like a lot of fuss and bother filling in forms, temperature checks and sanitizing etc. Like most things, once you've done it once or twice, you get used to it and it just becomes a part of the game. Thanks to Liz Downer for taking on the job of registrations for sessions.

As part of the hygiene protocol at the club, we are making a move to go cashless. We now prefer electronic and contactless payment for table tickets, membership renewal, lessons and any other purchases such as books. As from 1st August you will be able to purchase five (5) table tickets for \$35. However, a book of ten tickets for \$70 will still be available. We will continue to accept cash for a limited period but for correct money only, no change will be given.

Dot Piddington is half way through her second Beginners' course for the year and Lynley is now teaching Dot's earlier graduates and is also preparing to commence Intermediate classes soon.

Paul Brake continues to run BBO tournaments and would still appreciate some help. GCBC will soon receive its first share of revenue generated by our club games online.

Membership renewal letters have now been sent out, either by email or post. Please contact either Sue Herse or Penny Grace if you have any queries regarding your renewal. Payment due 31 August 2020.

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 19th September. Nomination forms for the Board will be available in the next few weeks. Any club member is entitled to nominate for a position on the Board.

These first seven months of 2020 have been challenging for a lot of people for a lot of reasons. From my observation, we still have a strong bridge community. It was a great joy to see so many familiar faces returning to bridge in the past two weeks. We look forward to welcoming many more of you in the near future. **Julie Wicks**

Events for August

- Red point 2 session eclectic - Monday 3 & 10 August
- Red point 2 session eclectic - Thursday 13 & 20 August
- GNOT Heat – Thursday 6, 13 & 20 August at SPBC commencing at 1pm
- Club Teams Championships (all day event) – Friday 28 August
- Saturday Red Point Pairs (1 & 8 August) has been postponed
- Restricted/Novice Congress 16 August cancelled
- Two monthly sponsored eclectics cancelled
- Australia Wide Spring Pairs cancelled

If you would like to be a new sponsor for an event in 2021 please contact me. Thanks Neil

Education

I look forward to starting INTERMEDIATE LESSONS on Monday August 3rd at 9am. I have put together some topics which we will cover in the months of August and September. Focus will be on partnership bidding, defence and declarer play

Classes follow our usual format with lesson followed by play hands. Notes on all subjects.

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| 1. Using Jacoby Transfers over Partners NT Opening | August 3 |
| 2. Bidding to Slam over a NT Opening by Partner | August 10 |
| 3. Practice hands on TOPICS covered | August 17 |
| 4. Declarer Play - The Plan Eliminating Losers | August 24 |
| 5. 4 th Suit Forcing to Game & Roman Keycard Blackwood | August 31 |
| 6. TOM or The Other Minor Forcing | Sept 7 |
| 7. Practice hands on topics covered | Sept 14 |
| 8. Declarer Play - Watching out for Entries | Sept 21 |

Happy to listen to suggestions for future topics. Look forward to hearing from you and catching up again. And best to let me know if you intend to come. You can **email me at lynleyejenkins@gmail.com to register** Lessons to be conducted following the GCBC covid safe plan. Temperature check and Health Declaration document on arrival, and social distancing. I've found the 4 tables joined works well for lessons. Cost for lessons - Ticket or \$8.00 cash for members. Non members \$10.00. Best wishes Lynley

Christmas in July

On Thursday 30 July, 22 (last year 28) club members enjoyed each others company for a delicious Christmas luncheon at D'arcy Arms. The Christmas decorations and the wood fire made a perfect setting for the occasion. Nice to see Friday players have been having drinks at D'arcy Arms after bridge.

September Birthdays

For many years the club has had birthday celebrations for those who have their birthdays in September. *These celebrations are open for all members to enjoy.* **The September luncheon will be held at the D'arcy Arms on Thursday 24 September after bridge at 1.00 pm.** Please place your name on the flyer on the large board if you will be attending.

Club Teams Championships

This prestigious members only all day red point honour board event will be held on Friday 28 August. Members are encouraged to get their teams together for what will be another great day of bridge at our club. Please refer to the small notice board for further details. Entries limited to 12 tables.

Birthdays for August.

1st - Lexie Yeates, 4th - John Leach, 6th - Wendy Clark, 8th - Kerry Hiscocks, 9th - Marilyn Bidey, 12th - Melanie Mills, 13th - Bill Guthrie, Dorothy Meier, Glenda Simmons, 15th - Laura Dummett, Bob Still, 16th - Lynn Gerrard, Paula McLeish, Derick Coppack, 17th - Di Court, Elizabeth Downer, 19th - Ken Moschner, 20th - Jack Luke-Paredi, 21st - Allanah Aitken, 22nd - Charlie Dacey, Anthony Tuxworth, Joanne Reid, 23rd Patricia Adam, 25th - Kay Simpson, Di Larcombe, 30th - Joan Leckie.

New Members

Welcome to Brian Hall and Julie Hudson.

Club Diary for 2021

Di Hillman has commenced compiling the diary for next year. At this stage there are many issues confronting this process which will make it a very difficult task. The club has been allocated 5 congresses and 36 red point sessions in 2021 and hopefully unlike this year they will proceed as scheduled perhaps with out commercial sponsors.

Sponsorship

I do not expect that our many commercial sponsors will be able to sponsor events in 2021 and maybe members who are not currently sponsoring an event could come forward to be a sponsor. I will be carrying on the role as sponsorship coordinator in 2021 and if you would like assist please contact me.

Enjoy Your Bridge

Neil Raward – Editor

Please come with a smile and leave with a smile and treat your partner and opponents with respect and dignity

Players who require a partner please contact

Mon, Wed, Fri. Neil Raward 0402 417 584

Tue, Thu, Sat. Jim & Shelley Moodie 5591 2135 or 0402 634 013

Nights Mon & Thurs. Tom Strong 0421 106 986

Use your Pianola account if you are looking for partner (you can also see who is looking for a partner)

Welfare Officer Cheryl Millar 0409 879 081

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